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RICHMOND, 24th December, 1878.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
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RICHMOND. VA., SATURDAY MORNING. DECEMBER 28, 1878.

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU- sixty pounds being carried in the boiler and LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

SATURDAY ...... DECEMBER 28, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT. Indications for To-Day .- For the Mid- water. dle Atlantic States, colder northwest winds, rising barometer, and partly cloudy or clear

For the South Atlantic States, rising barometer, colder westerly winds, and generally clear weather will prevail. THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was alternately

clear and snowy. At night it was clear and THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 32; 9 A. M., 82; noon, 87; 3 P. M., 34; 6 P.

M., 30; midnight, 25. Mean temperature, 313.

Heating titles by Steam. The city authorities of New York have authorized General Spinola to convey steam for heating purposes through mains under certain streets of the city. The whole city is not to be dug up for the purpose, the concession being limited to a certain quarter. General Spinola, in an interview with a New York Herald reporter, gave the following

"It costs the city now, so I am informed ashes from in front of residences in this city. Now, if this system of ours is universally adopted, there will be one item of economy, for there will be no ashes to cart off."

summary of the advantages claimed for the

"Anything else, General?" "Yes; it now costs \$600,000 a year to heat the courts, police-stations, engine-houses, school-houses, and other public buildings, and by our system we can save one third of that amount, or \$200,000 a year to the city." " Is that all?"

or one and a half per cent." "In what way will private parties be ben-

"Well, they will have the advantage of furnaces or fires to attend to, no coal to which enters is made to do service until it trived to build himself an apartment about STOCKHOLDERS of this bank will be held at stockholder of the stockholder of the stank will be held at stockholder on MONDAY the 13th of January, carry up, and no ashes to carry down stairs. expires. Cooking of all kinds can be done on a stove steam. The heating of a house can be reg- in the cellar, the overflow of which runs instruments bring enough to keep body and hundred pounds of steam pressure, while pure, a supply of water is carried to all piano, and he has patrons who frequently next door we can make it two pounds."

" Will the introduction of the system interfere in any way with the present method of generating steam for power in down- ordinary steam-pressure in each house, town factories and offices?"

the bother and annoyance, dirt and vexation, consequent on keeping up fires in boilers, which he will avoid. Right here I few minutes to the boiling point, and thus might state that the two interests most affected by this new system are the coal and insurance companies. Neither of them cause it will affect them injuriously by reducing the consumption of coal and the rates of insurance. These are the parties who have been working hardest to prevent me getting this grant, but their animus is quite plain."

In answer to a question to the point the himself or his friends to begin work or set down mains until next spring. The General said, in conclusion, that it was contemplated be done cheaper and better than by a woodto put up steam hydrants in the streets, to or coal-stove, and without danger of burnwhich, after a snow-fall, hose could be at- ing, and with the avoidance of extreme heat tached. With the use of the steam the streets could be cleared of snow in about twenty minutes for one tenth the present ries, bathing establishments, etc., can be cost, which is about \$1.25 a load.

It was in June, 1877, that the first test of the Holly scheme was made by laying half a mile of pipes underground in Walnut street, Lockport, N. Y., which enabled a company to learn the exact capacity of the pipes to carry steam and the exact rate of two purposes will be accomplished at one Professor Tyndall. Dr. W. B. Camenter, Professor Tyndall. Dr. W. B. Camenter, Professor Tyndall. Dr. W. B. Camenter, I loss by condensation. The test was satisficating the Black, Miss Thackeray, Miss Mulliam Black, Miss Chemanter, Miss Mulliam Black, Miss Chemanter, Miss Mulliam Black, Miss Mulliam Bl factory and the company were encouraged be greatly simplified in construction and the moves it moves and as the open over slow TURGUENIEF, CARLYLE, RUSKIN, TENNYSON, length of a mile and one third; and the system was practically applied along the January 1, 1879, THE LIVING AGE enters upon it some hundred and fortieth volume. During the year it will turnish to its readers the productions of the foremost authors ABOVE NAMED AND MANY OTHERS, embracing the choicest Serial and Short Stories by the Leading Foreign Novelists, and an amount been heating about forty dwellings, a large school building (105,000 cubic feet), and the largest hall in the city, besides furnishing entific matter of the day, from the pens of the fore-most ESSAYISTS, SCIENTISTS. CRITICS, DISCOVEREES, and EDITORS, representing every department of Knowledge and Progress.

THE LIVING AGE is a weekly magazine giving more than heated as readily as those near at hand.

Three boilers are in position in the steamhouse, two of them horizontal, 5 by 16 feet, and one upright. In the coldest weather last winter two were fired slowly, but much of the time the steam has been furnished by a single boiler. The fire is of course kept be. Biographical Historical and Political Information, from the entire body of Foreign Periodical Literature, and from the pens of the time the steam has been furnished by a single boiler. The fire is of course kept up constantly. Two firemen do all the work—one for the day and one for the night. They can do the same work for three or four "It reproduces the best thoughts of the best minds of the civilized world about all topics of living inter-tached along the line. Experiments are said test."—Philadelphia Inquirer. tached along the line. Experiments are said to demonstrate that with sufficient boiler capacity and pipes of proper size an area of more than four miles square in any city or nient means of keeping abreast with the progress of mought in all its phases."—Phitadelphia. North village can be warmed from one set of boilers. The Lockport building is intended to contain six boilers; but buildings in larger cities would be provided with a "battery of ten. If one boiler from any cause should be disabled it would not interfere with the operations of the others. In the coldest weather, if necessary, the whole number can be fired. The arrangement of pipes leading from the boiler building is such that it would be impossible for any district to be "It has no equal in any country."-Philadelphia deprived of steam at any time, since in case of accident any one of the steam-mains can be closed without interfering with the gen-

eral circuit. The Holly as a system of high pressure in the mains and low pressure in the service-THE LIVING AGE is possible december at \$8.2 the mains and flow pressure in the service-part free of postage; or, for \$10.50. THE LIVING AGE and either one of the American feet processor of the form of the first one set for a year, but postpaid; or, for \$0.50. THE LIVING AGE and the st. Nicholas or Application's pressure system of steam-heating. The latter of the first of the firs der, which is used to advantage in single buildings, coold not be employed in an extensive system of street-mains at all.

The mains, in a district of full size, depassed. First having been covered and bound with non-conducting materials, which are an important feature of the inventor's discovery, the mains are inserted in logs of wood bored for the purpose and sunk in sessed of a line voice, "..." "But what?" ditches, laid with tiles, three to five feet appear in public, but—" "But what?" observed a friend. "Well," she replied observed a friend. deep, so as to be above the ges- and waterpipes. To prevent the contraction and expansion of the iron, or rather to allow the iron mains their natural contraction Seriation at short voice. NEFTING for HAUL-EFINES glways on kand.

Oil-CLOTHING for ishermen and sailors.
Out prices are lower than any house in the United States, and our goods are just imported and of the rery best on the several lengths of the mains come to-green and our goods are just imported and of the rery best on the several lengths of the mains come to-green are placed at intervals of one hunresults, expansion junction-boxes, where mother's. But since dentists are never inthe several lengths of the mains come to- vited in to hear the will read, why should ared to two hundred feet along the lines. Evening Journal. From these boxes, too, service-pipes are carried under ground to the basement of the buildings to be heated. The boxes are so constructed that whatever water-coudeusation there is, is deposited in them and gathered up by the service-pipes contin- Is it not strange that a man can be on

In the mean time the water extracted out?

from the junction boxes by the service- A Hermit Who Has Been Struggling blem.

pipes is largely-reconverted into steam in he cellar of each house before heat distribution begins throughout the building, in this wise: A high pressure of from fifty to mains, the water of condensation is at the cellar walls. At that point it is wiredrawn,

the pressure of the steam as it enters each building to from two to four pounds per square inch, and in this method of regulation consists in a great degree the economy forced at high pressure, whereas at low after the secret of perpetual motion. More pressure very much larger and more costly than a score of years ago he thought he had mains would be required; and by the re- solved the problem. His machine proved a tin. Their forms and colors, of cour-e, may | dreams. be as original and handsome as any one's skill and taste can devise.

Thus the old belief that steam could not by the police, \$225,000 a year to carry away ever condensation there may be is utilized. is fifty years of age, and nearly half his life through a mile and a third of continuous house, amid the wreck of which he still small pipe, protected as described, have re- continues to patch fiddles and dream of unsulted in showing the small loss by conden- discovered powers. His personal appearturned into a gain. The hot water, with a His shoes were broken and mismated; his portion of steam from the heaters or ra- pants were torn at the bottoms, frayed at its office of direct heating, passes to a steam | though the morning was raw and chilly, trap in the basement, which is a part of the he defice the cold in a light undershirt. system, and where the water is separated A heavy black beard, slightly tinged with a brick inclosure. Through this inclosure his mouth was entirely concealed by a upward through registers. In this man- most prominent feature of his countethe reduction in insurance rates, first of all; ner there is no waste of heat at all, for the nance-stood out boldly. In a space of less then they will be saved about one-half their hot water which enters the house or which than twenty feet square were piled the present expense in fuel. So much for the is condensed after it arrives there is made broken timbers that were once his house; financial aspect of the case. Now, the do- to perform the duty of a furnace below; but he was shut off from the street by a mestic advantages are greater: household and thus, by an indirect as well as a direct close board fence ten feet in height. help can be reduced, for there will be no process of radiation, every ray of heat With portions of the debris he has con-

means of this contrivance, operated by the knowingly accept charity. without extra pump or engine, water can NOTICE.—THE MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY will be held steam when he can have steam supplied to at the office of the company, in the city of Richmond, Va., on TUESDAY the 7th of January, 1879, the bether and annovance, dirt and yexaging the property of the paper rectly, yet without noise, into water in bath-tubs or elsewhere, raising it in a very mining it. "Will perpetual motion ever doing away with the old system of hot-water porter, in contemptuous tones. "Will it

circulation in houses. But the new system is adapted not to want to have the system introduced, be- house-warming purposes alone. It is claimed that steam can be served under it to do cooking, laundry-work, and to aid in many other household and business operations, besides running machinery. In many large hotels the cooking is now done by steam, and it will be melancholy to many people to hear that the present expensive apparatus General said it was not contemplated by for that purpose may be superseded by steam-stoves, which will bring the custom into general use. Cooking, it is claimed, can in the room during warm weather.

Laundries, green-houses and conservatoserved by the system by means of old or improved local appliances. Machinery for a great variety of light mechanical and manufacturing purposes, such as exist in all cities, can be operated and the exhaust used for heating in the same building, so that the cost. Steam fire-engines, it is claimed, will cost reduced one half or more, as the local boiler and furnace will be entirely dispensed with. On the streets of cities and villages having a reservoir system steam will be a pipe will come to the surface beside the perual motor did not move. street hydrant. The engine will be comthe frightful noise and confusion attending the ordinary steam fire-engine. It will at once take power from the steam-pipe and suction from the hydrant. The power will be always ready. against the base of the hydrant freezing will be prevented in the coldest weather. While this arrangement will not, perhaps, reduce the number of firemen, it will increase their efficiency and greatly diminish the cost and current expenses of the fire departments. The effectiveness of steam Steam, being lighter than air, when poured into such a building in sufficient quantity, rises and suffuses these spaces, thus preventing combustion. A two-inch pipe, at sixty pounds pressure, will deliver 5.000 cubic feet of steam per minute, which would make a body of steam two feet deep below the ceiling in a room 25x100 feet.

THE COMMISSARIAT .- Squire (to new butler): "I have three or four elergymen to dine with me to-morrow, Prodgers, and-" Prodgers: "'Igh or low, sir?" Squire: Well-1 hardly-but why do you ask, Prodgers?" Prodgers: "Well, you see, sir, the 'igh drinks most wine, and the low eats most vittles, and I must provide accordin' !"-Punch's Almanac.

A lady who is no longer in the first blush of youth is summoned as a witness in some suit. The Judge: "How old are you, madame?" She (hesitatingly): "Thirtynine." The Judge (in the most benevolent tone, after having contemplated ber an instant): "Thirty-nine? Come, madame, have courage! Go on, and finish it!"

M. A- has been rudely guilty of a momentary forgetfulness of Madame B-, in whose boudoir he is sitting: "Come, do you want me to make my apologies with my head bowed in the dust?" Madame B— (sourly): "In the dust? That's sweetly complimentary to my housekeeping!"

"Yes," said a young lady, who was possessed of a fine voice, "I am often asked to "I should never be able to sustain my part. am so easily decomposed." Some dentists assert that eight children

out of ten inherit the father's teeth, not the they know anything about it?-Albany

Hurry up that electric light. The man who drops a penny in a street-car wants to buy fourteen yards of it .- Detroit Free Rule," because she won't work more than

With a Mighty Mechanical Pro-

[Special correspondence of the Baltimore American.] WASHINGTON, November 13. - A man searching for a hermit would not be likely to look for him in this city, where legions degree of beat due to that pressure when it live in the "keen sunlight of publicity." reaches the "regulator" valve inside the Nevertheless, such a being exists, and to him the war of the rebellion is but a rumor, and by a reduction of pressure the recon-version takes place. The steam then passes but a vague fable. He has been buried alive, on, to the radiators, hereafter to be de-soribed, where it is again converted into for, though living in the very heart of the city, he never crossed the threshold of his The cellar-regulators invariably reduce own door, and Presidents have come and gone without causing the slighest break in the weird monotony of Jeff. Burch's life. Of his former history nothing is known. He appeared in Washington about twentyof the system. Through the comparatively five years ago, and soon became known as a small and inexpensive pipes used as street- very skilful maker and repairer of musical mains an immense quantity of steam can be instruments, and as a sanguine searcher

duction of pressure the moment the steam failure, and public ridicule made him a reenters a building all the advantages of the cluse, and so, no doubt, he would have low-pressure system are secured. With a died, but that the rapid growth of the city pressure of two to four pounds of steam in literally threw down his house upon him, a house costly iron-heaters may be done forcing him again to mingle with his fellowaway with. An "explosion" at such a men; at least, while he is fighting in the pressure is of course impossible; a leak courts for his right to a small plot of ground would not be likely to result in serious dam- on F street near Tenth street north, where, age, and many of the heaters are therefore until recently, his shanty stood, and where made of sheet-copper, galvanized iron, and he yet lives in the ruins of that cradle of his

A VISIT TO JEFFERSON BURCH.

With some difficulty the writer obtained access to the remarkable abiding-place of be carried a long distance effectively on ac- this remarkable man, and it remains to be count of its too rapid condensation has been said that his is a case of perverted genius demolished, and at the same time what- rather than of genius run mad. Jeff. Burch Some special and accurate experiments has been spent in a single room of the little sation, and to what extent the loss can be unce was in keeping with his surroundings. building, which, heated by the coil, passes suspicious gray eyes, a Roman nose the han.

six feet by three, which shelters him from Moreover, after hot water has done this the rain, but through which the wind whiswhich will be provided to subscribers for last service in the coil it flows into a tank tles at will. Odd jobs at repairing musical parts of the dwelling, either by atmospheric | purchase broken instruments for the sole pressure or by the application of steam. By purpose of giving him a job, as he will not

> THE IGNUS FATUUS OF INVENTORS. be discovered?" he repeated after the reever be? Why it has been for more than twenty years, and in more than twenty different ways. When I told the world twenty years ago that I had fathomed the secret, it laughed at me, and since then it has been groping in ignorance, and so it will remain until some one is found, after my death, who can apply the principle of my discoveries as

"Will I show you a model illustrating the principle? Certainly, but I will have to dig into the old shop." The old shop proved to be buried in one corner of the ruins. Burch burrowed into this through a gap made by the displacement of a couple of planks, and presently returned with a globe-like apparatus, which had bearings upon lateral, upright poles, and which revolved in the centre of a ring of wooden cogs, each cog in turn fitting one of three hundred and sixty notches, with which the globe was intended to represent the three hundred and sixty degrees of the earth's circumference.

"There is an illustration of perpetual motion," said Burch. "It is the earth in minlature. Its motive principle is the same, and its equilibrium is so nicely adjusted to moves it moves; and as the one never stops, neither will the other."

"NOT NOW ADJUSTED."

The writer remarked that the illustration taken from the main to the curbstone, where fai'ed to illustrate, masmuch as the per-"Certainly not," said Burch. "It is not paratively cheap and portable, and, after the | now adjusted to the earth's motion, nor will alarm, will arrive on the ground without it ever be in these ruins. I am in correspondence now with scientific men in England, New York, Boston, and other places, and they are getting things ready for an exhibition of this principle in such a way that all the world may know that the secret and by having the steam-pipe impinge of perpetual motion is a secret no longer. It will be a free exhibition, too, you can bet on that. I want no man's money for the privilege of letting him see my work, and peculators shall have none, be assured of

Burch had never heard of Edison, but he expressed no surprise when informed of his itself as an agent applied directly to the ex- wonderful inventions. On the contrary, he tinguishment of fires is well known in the asserted that the telephone and the phono- lodge is in a most flourishing condition. oil regions. In burning buildings the fire graph had been familiar to him for years; having a membership of about two hunoften rages under the floors between the and when told that Edison proposed to dred and a fund amounting to \$2,200, of joists, where it cannot be reached by water. procure light from electricity, he said: which \$2,000 is invested. Of course he can; and if men were not fools gas companies would have been forgotten many a year ago." Burch says that another of his inventions

is a motive power more powerful than team, by which engines of all kinds can be and a young journalist that Richmond may driven. Water is no element of this power, be proud of, accompanied the colored imbut electricity is, and at the proper time migrants on board the bark Azor from this, too, will be made known. Burch will not take a patent upon any of his discoveries; he will give them to the world gratis. His original intention was to die without disclosing his power, but a taunting remark made by the contractor whose enterprise caused the demolition of his house served ment, the products, the commercial and into change the whole current of his intentions. The contractor called him " a crazy cobbler," and said he ought to be sent to an asylum. "To show the world that I have ning for Baltimore, where his parents now not devoted the best twenty years of my life in solitude and privation to the pursuit of idle fancies and physical impossibilities, and so that I may not be remembered as merely 'a crazy cobbler,' I have determined to make my discoveries public property. I hope for no with whom he is associated on the night of profit. I have few years to live, and for the the 24th. The presentation speech ittle while that I have to stay I will be content to go along as I have been going, with rolling, and responded to by Mr. N. R. Sava bite to eat and a place to sleep, until the age in felicitous terms. end shall come." And so the writer left him, with a promise to attend the exhibition of his works, which he says will be given in New York city in February, and bond of A. W. Wilcox, yesterday notified with a firm conviction that, whatever else the proper authorities of the United States he may be, Jeff. Burch is neither a foolish, a Court that, having in view certain business mercenary, nor a crazy man.

compelled to go to work .- Burdette. A wealthy St. Louis lady has been fined

man who asks, because he is the querist.

one way, and usually not that. A paper that is always full of good pointsually, thus leaving the mains free for steam. fire and yet at the same time very much put a paper of needles. - Baltimore Every Sat-

LOCAL MATTERS.

Taxable Values of the State. The following is a comparative statement of the increase or decrease in the number of capitation taxes assessed, and the value of real and personal property, as assessed in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the years

1877 and 1878: 

Decrease in 1878... ...... 

as assessed with taxes for the year 1878...... 242.702.503 42 Difference: Decrease for 1878. \$3,688.690 11

1877. Value of personal property....\$ 79,636.153 40 estate ...... 246.391.193 56 -8326,027,346 96

al property.... \$ 76,955,631 90 Value of real Value of real estate........... 242.702.503 42 \$319,668.135 32 Decrease for 1878...... \$6.369.211 64

STORE AND DWELLING-HOUSE BURNED .-Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning a framed store and dwelling-house, owned by Mrs. McMahan and occupied by Mrs. Bean, situated on Eighth street between Denny tinued until to-day. street and Louisiana avenue, were totally destroyed by fire. After the houses were house, while drunk, attempted to cut W. H. half-consumed an alarm was turned in Fore, the steward. He was overpowered diators in any building, having performed the knees, and of antique pattern; and, at Station 12, Rocketts, which brought and taken to the station-house. Yesterday out the fire department, but as the morning he was sent to jail by the Police fire was so far out in Rocketts there Justice. were no plugs, and of course the appa-"No: we will reduce insurance rates one and circulated through cells of pipe within gray, trailed down over his breast; ratus was not available. The firemen, however, succeeded in saving the adjoining or box air is passed from the outside of the huge moustache, and from between sharp, brick dwelling, occupied by Mrs. McMa-

> Mrs. McMahan estimates her loss at about \$1,000, upon which she has an insurance of \$700 in the City Fire-Insurance Company. Mrs. Bean, who kept a variety-store | for reserved seats (\$1.50 for dress-circle and and lived in the building destroyed, lost all of her goods. She had a risk of \$700 on theatrical managers have great experience her stock, furniture, and wearing-apparel. The origin of the fire was unknown, but know better than outsiders the effect of lowit was thought by Mrs. McMahan to have been the work of an incendiary.

THE WEATHER .- The sun was shining ulated by a child, such is the simplicity of the sewer. From this tank, filled contact the system. In one house we can send two stantly with water which is chemically fix any instrument from a jewsharp to a Richmond went to work, but it clouded up soon afterwards and commenced snowing again, and kept up at intervals between the off cold. A few venturesome proprietors appeared in their sleighs, and the merry ingle of the bells were heard in various parts of the city. The sport, however, lasted but a very brief time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS .- At a meeting of Virginia Lodge, No. 568, Knights of Honorheld at Concordia Hall, the following offi, cers were elected for the ensuing term: E. Kempe, dictator; F. W. Thomas, vice-dictator; J. M. Shlesinger, assistant dictator; F. H. Schneider, reporter; William Lovenstein, financial reporter; S. Binswanger, ner, chaplain; L. Lehman, guardian; C. W. Emmenbauser, sentinel; Chs. Unkel, O. Morgenstern and H. G. Miller, trustees : H. G. Miller, representative to Grand Lodge.

At a meeting or Hillel Lodge, No. 91, Kesher Shel Barzel, held on Wednesday for the ensuing term: B. Samuels, president; D. H. Pyle, vice-president; William Lovenstein, secretary, Julius Straus, assistant secretary; E. A. Ezekiel, treasurer; Rev. M. J. Briel, conductor; N. S. Miller, outside guardian; E. J. Levy, J. M. Wertheimer, and A. Gunst, trustees; A. Gunst, E. A. Ezekiel, Sol. Wise, and Dr. H. H. It is attacked through the blood, and driven prompt-Levy, representatives to Grand Lodge; N. ly and permanently from the system by Dr. HERN-Ezekiel, representative to Supreme Lodge. | Don's Gypsy's Gift. Try it! The following officers of Syracuse Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, were elected last

night: R. B. Gray, past chancellor; Charles H. Page, chancellor commander; R. N. Spraggins, vice-chancellor; W. H. Chiles. prelate; George E. Bowden, keeper of records and seal; William E. Cree, master of finance; James Johnston, master of exchequer; C. C. Thon, master-at-arms; William Points, inner guard; William Hardey, outer guard; Dr. William F. Richardson, representative to Grand Lodge. Syracuse has about one hundred and twenty-five members, and over \$1,500 in the treasury. ZINT'S. At a regular meeting of Richmond Lodge, No. 219, Knights of Honor, held in Schiller Hall last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: R. T. Davis, dictator; W. G. Puller, vice-dictator; Wil liam J. McDowell, assistant dictator; William Temple, guide; S. S. Carter, chaplain; William H. Bailie, reporter; Thomas Jackson, financial reporter; John Quay, treasurer; W. H. H. Smith, guardian; D. B. Collins, sentinel; F. B. Tinsley, past dictator. Representative to Grand Lodge, T. H. Folks; alternate, George W. Shepperson. Trustees: John J. Wright, George A. Hundley, and W. J. McDowell. This

PERSONAL .- Mr. Alfred B. Williams, of the Charleston News and Courier, was here yesterday on a brief visit to his friends in this city. Mr. Williams, who is a native, Charleston to Liberia last spring. The series of excellent and interesting letters that he wrote of the suffering and privation bled to offer of that disastrous voyage; the sad experiences of the immigrants upon landing, and his own observations of the Governdustrial interests of that country, are still by calling at LEVY BROTHERS' and making your fresh in the minds of many readers of the purchases. Dispatch. Mr. Williams left yesterday eve-

Mr. L. Q. Washington, the journalist, spent Christmas here with old friends. N. R. Savage, chief book-keeper in the house of A. L. Ellett & Co., was presented a handsome gold-headed cane by the clerks made by Mr. Chaimers Roane, of North Ca-SURRENDERED BY A SURETY .- Mr. Row-

land Hill, one of the sureties on the bailtransactions, he desired to be released from this obligation. Mr. Wilcox was thereupon The times are barder than we thought. It again taken into custody. He made an aris rumored that Sergeant Bates has been compelled to go to work.—Burdette. SUCCESSOR OF HON. BEV. DOUGLAS .- GOV-

for being drunk. Who now says that women ernor Holliday being at Winchester, no are not capable of becoming politicians? order has yet been made for an election to question or the man who answers? The man who asks, because he is the querist.

Bev. Douglas, member of Congress from the first district. CUTTING SCRAPE. - Thursday night about A Syracuse man calls his wife "Poor 12 o'clock Moses Dickerson and Malachi

Byrd Island, and Dickerson stabbed Jackson the bald and gray pates among us, and thus lays us under the right shoulder-blade with a under obligations to him for the good looks as well butcher-knife. Dickerson made his escape. as health of the community.

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CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARK'S .- The Christmas-tree at St. Mark's came off on Thursday, and presented a beautiful sight. The only thing to mar the enjoyment was the crowd, which was too greatfor the Sundayschool room. The reunion of the congregation at night was a great success, despite the snow-storm. About three hundred assembled. Tables were prepared to accomdate about one hundred and seventy-five at using the DOOLEY POWDER you save in eggs. In a time, and were bountifully provided. It shortening in patience, in everything; and when was an interesting sight. Persons of all the baking is done it is turned out light, palatable,

professions in life sat together to partake of the Christmas supper. By 8 o'clock the tables were all removed. people. The last verse was a welcome or & E ATKINSON. greeting, sung mostly as a solo by one of the choir. The other vocal performances were a quartette by the Arion Glee Club and solos by Miss Julia Mitchell and Miss Dora Denzler; both of which were enthusiastically received. Mrs. Bartkowski read rom Dickens's "Christmas Carol," and Difference: Decrease for 1878. \$2.680.521 50 Mr. Gann read "The Black Hole of Knockfierna." There were also two beautiful ducts (piano and violin) by Captain and Miss Bettie Lubbock.

The happy gathering broke up at 10 o'clock, after singing the Old Hundred loxology and receiving the benediction of

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY-Police-Justice J. J. White presiding.—Ida Farrar, Mary Leroy, John Johnson, and James Gentry were called up to answer the charge of stealing one carriage-robe from John Harris. The Police Justice said that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain the charge, but he told Johnson and Gentry they were guilty of very disorderly conduct, and if they were ever before bim again for like offence he would punish them severely. Charles Davis (colored), charged with striking James Pettis with a slungshot, thereby destroying his eye. Case was con-

Peter Dwer, an inmate of the city alms-

James Mitchell, a tramp, charged with vagrancy, was jailed for thirty days.

THE THEATRE.-Mr. Lawrence Barrett will commence a brief engagement at the, Theatre Monday night. A fair number of reserved seats have been sold. Complaint is very generally made that the price asked orchestra) is too high. Perhaps it is, but in dealing with the public. They ought to and high-priced enterprises. However, every man knows how to run a newspaper and a theatre.

GESANG-VEREIN LIEDERKRANZ.-This or ganization, composed of a number of our best and oldest German citizens, will give an entertainment at Thon's Hall, corner sunshine until the afternoon, when it cleared | Seventeenth and Main streets, Monday night, the programme embracing a fine musical olio, which includes instrumental selections, solo and choral singing, &c. The whole to conclude with a ball. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

Harper's Bazar for this week received from Ellyson & Yancey, 1112 Main street.

FLOWERS FOR NEW-YEAR'S RECEPTIONS can be obtained from TOLER & HOOPER, Florists, corner Belvidere and Cherry streets. They have a splendid lot of BEAUTIFUL FLOW ERS and many WINTER PLANTS, and are prepared of tax treasurer; B. Florsheim, guide; A. Blen- to work up baskets and other designs suitable for receptions. Nothing is prettler than flowers on such occasions.

Their prices are low to suit the times. Call on them.

NEW-YEAR RECEPTION .- Those who wish CON, FECTIONERIES OF MEATS for their New-Year Receptions should leave their orders with PIZZINIevening the following officers were elected who is prepared to furnish everything at low rates.

medical science is constantly advancing, greatly to the amelioration of human saffering. Forty years ago everybody was bled, and now the lancet rusts free of tax, payable on and after the 2D DAY of JANUARY, 1870. EDWIN B. SNEAD, upon the shelf. Then a fevered patient was denied a glass of water. Now his head is packed in ice. Then elbow grease was applied to rheumatism. Now

JELLIES. PICKLES, and PRESERVES, of all kinds,

A NICE SATCHEL OR TRUNK, A pretty pair of Gentlemen's Slippers, A nest pair of Ladies' Shoes, A good pair of Boys' Boots, A substantial pair of Shoes for the little ones,

are sen-ible Christmas presents. You can buy them at a very low price of HERMAN BOSCHEN & BROTHER, 509 and 511 Broad street. FINE CAKES for New-Year receptions at Piz-

ALL THE NEWEST DESIGNS, suitable for Wedding. New-Year, and other parties, at JOHN MORTON'S Flower-Garden

Main and Reservoir streets. THE LATEST DESIGNS OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS JOHN MORTON'S Flower-Garden, Main and Reservoir streets.

FANCY GRASSES AND ALL THE NOVELTIES OF

JOHN MORTON'S, the season at Main and Reservoir streets. ALL IN WANT OF FLOWERS FOR NEW-YRAR'S RECEPTIONS will please send in their orders early. JOHN MORTON, Florist, corner of Main and Reservoir streets.

FOR BLEEDING GUMS, use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a bottle. PIZZINI has a fine lot of MALAGA GRAPES, CAL-IFORNIA PEARS, SWEET ORANGES.

LEVY PROTHERS offer to-day a large lot of CLOAKS,

GREATLY-REDUCED PRICES. Having bought out a large stock, direct from the manufacturer, at a great sacrifice, they are cua-EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.

They also offer SILKS. SATINS, AND VELVETS, FINE FRENCH CANLIES at PIZZINI'S.

DISCOLORED TEETH rendered beautifully white by the use of MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DEN-TIFRICE. Fifty cents a box. INCIPIENT TARTAR AND SCURF removed by MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE.

Fifty cents a box. FINEST RUM, Scotch whiskey, and apple brandy. W. D. BLAIR & CO.

FOR ULCERATED MOUTH, the healing properties of MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH are unexcelled. Fifty cents a bottle. OUR COOKING WINE is really good enough for

able use. W. D. BLAIB & CO. FOR ALL DISEASES OF THE TRETH AND GUMS use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a bottle.

FOR OFFENSIVE DREATH from decayed teeth

and discused gums. use MEADE & BAKER'S CAR-BOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a AS A FRAGRANT AND PLEASANT WASH for the

mouth, there is nothing so good as MEADE & BAfill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. KER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Fifty cents a DOCTOR AYER'S LABORATORY, that has done

such wenders for the sick, now issues a potent restorer for the beauty of mankind-for the comeliness which advancing age is so prone to diminish Jackson, colored men, got into a row on and destroy. His Vigon mounts luxuriant locks on

THE DISPATOH.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING. CASH-INVARIABLY IN ADVANCES One square, one Insertion...... One square, two insertions.
One square, three insertions.
One square, six insertions.
One square, twelve insertions. me square, two months...........

TRY OUR SOC. TEA and our 18c. Laguayra coffee. W. D. BLAIR & Co. .

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY .- The housekeeper or cook who studies economy in the kitchen can do so in one direction by always using DOOLEY'S YEAST-POWDER. It will be found a truly economical and valuable assistant in baking biscuits, rolls, bread, cake of all kinds; waffles, mufflus, and most all articles prepared from flour. And why? Because in classes of society and of all pursuits and and wholesome, so that every morsel is eaten up and no waste.

SOLOMON HIMSELF WOULD BE PUZZLED If called upon to decide which is the more exquisite and a chorus was sung by some of the young the Violet, West End Bouquet, or Stephanotis of J.

vertisements in all of the newspapers of the United States at publishers' rates. Orders left at the Dis. patch counting-room will receive prompt atten

SAVE MONEY by having your printing done at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE. Good Work, low prices, and satisfaction guaranteed.

## AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

45 On all sales of Real Estate made belween the 1st of January and last of June the towes for the present year have to be paid by the purchases On all sales made between the 1st of July and las. of the year the taxes have to be paid by the seller [This custom was adopted about lifteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and ap-plies to Richmond and vicinity.]

RICHMOND BAZAAR, 11 A. M., twenty-four head of horses, marcs, and mules.

WANTS.

WANTED, HIS PATIENTS AND WANTED, HIS PATIENTS AND OTHERS to know that Dr. W. K. SMITH, of No. 77 north Eulaw street, Bulmore, will be at his OFFICE. No. 915½ MAIN STREET, on the 28TH INSTANT, remaining until TUESDAY EVENING, for the purpose of treating PILES, FISTULA, &c. Refers to Messys. H. M. Smith, J. W. Booker, W. W. Gosden, E. H. Simpson, and many others.

WANTED, AN UPRIGHT STEAM-BOILER, second hand, in good order, about five-horse power. Address G. W. E., Post-Office Box No. 26, Staunton, Va., de 2S-11\* WANTED, A FIRST-CLASS SALES-

W MAN to work in Virginia. TERMS: Com-mission, including travelling expenses. SAMUEL BEVAN & CO., Wholesale Dry Goods and Notions, de 24 4t WANTED, TO SELL OUT ALL THE W ANTED, TO SELL OUT ALL THE
W DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CHAINS, elegant
RINGS, BUTTONS, &c., on hand, regardless of
value. No better chance was ever offered to bargain-seckers, especially those wanting CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, as I am determined to give up
my office on the 1st of January next, so I will sellat
a sacrlice.
S. A. WINSTOCK.

LOST. STRAYED, AND FOUND. OST. THURSDAY, 26th, a settler, it uppy, naif grown; spotted, liver-colored and white, with liver-colored ears. Auswers to the name of "Vick." The finder will be liberally rewarded if returned to WALKE & TAYLOR.

de 28-11\* T OST, ON THURSDAY, 26th, between Grace, or Broad, a NECK-CHAIN with GOLD CROSS attached. A liberal reward if returned to 2310 Franklin street.

DIVIDENDS.

UNION BANK OF RICHMOND.)
December 27, 1878. 5
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT, free of taxes, ont of the earnings of the past six months, payable to the stockholders on and after he 2d day of January, 1879. de 28-10t JAMES MILLER, Cashier.

NOTICE.—The DIRECTORS OF THE
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK have this
day declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE PER
CENT, on the cepital stock, payable to the stockholders on and after 2d day of January next, free
of tax.

RICHMOND, December 27, 1878. de 28-4t

THE STATE BANK OF VIEGINIA. RICHMOND, VA., December 26, 1878. have this day declared a cividend of THREE PER CENT. free of tax, out of the cernings of the past six months, payable on and after January 2, 1870. WILLIAM M. HILL.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. CITIZENS BANK OF RIGHMOND.) December 24, 1878. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK The BOARD OF IMEE of all the state of FOUR PER CENT, out of the net carnings of the past six months, free of tax, payable on and after the 2D DAY OF

de 27-td

OFFICE OF THE VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE) INSURANCE COMPANY. RICHMOND, December 23, 1878. THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPA-NY have declared a semi-annual dividend of SEVEN PER CENT, out of the net profits of the past six months, free of all taxes, payable on and after January 1, 1879.

de 25-10t W. H. McCARTHY, Secretary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.)
RICHMOND, VA., December 24, 1878. THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK L have THIS DAY declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of taxes, out of the profits of the past six months, payable to the stockholders on and after the 2d day of January next. de 25-1Ja4 S. A. GLOVER, Cashier.

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD CO .. ) TREASURER'S OFFICE.
RICHMOND, VA., December 24, 1878. TOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT, on the capital stock of this courpany has been declared, payable at the office of the company, in the city of Richmond, Va., on and after the 6TH JANUARY e transfer-books will be closed on the 25th lastant until 6 h January, 1879. M. W. YARRINGTON.

GROCERIES. &c.

SALT.

2.000 sacks LIVERPOOL FINE SALT, for sale rom the dock. OUISIANA

PURE CRYSTALIZED SUGAR,

packed in barrels.

Receiving direct. For sale by DAVENPORT & MORRIS. de 20-7t GEASONABLE DELICACIES.

20 Herces choice HAMS—small average;
60 barrels HUDNUT'S HOMINY;
500 SMOKED BEEF-TONGUES;
100 boxes BONELESS CODFISH;
25 boxes CHEESE;
SUGAR-CURED RREASTS;
HAMBURGER'S BONELESS HAMS.
For sale by 1de 9j A. Y. STOKES & CO.

CITY TAXES.

OFFICE OF CITY COLLECTOR. }
RICHMOND, VA., November 30, 1878. THIS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN DAI-LY from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. from the 15th to the 31st day of December Inclusive, for the pur-pose of receiving from any person who has already paid one half only of the CITY TAXES charged to him the remaining half; and that

bim the remaining half; and that

TEN PER CENT
will be added to the amount of said remaining half
of the tax charged, in every case where the party
assessed shall fail to pay said remaining half within
the time so limited. But in case any person taying
failed to pay in the month of Jane one half of the
CITY TAXES due from such person, shall fail to
pay the whole amount thereof on or before the 31st
day of December, there shall be added

TWENTY PER CENTUM

upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining an upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining an upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining an upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining an upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the whole amount of the tax so remaining and upon the t TWENTY PER CENTUM

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EXCHANGE-, LIVERY-, AND ESTABLES AND RICHMOND ESTABLES AND RICHMOND ESTABLES AND 1440 FRANKLIN STREET. l am now prepared, with unsurpassed facility, to BOARD HORSES BY THE DAY, WEEK, OR Special rates to drovers, and every accommodation

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In connection with the stables I have established a
Buzzar for the SALE RY AUCTION OF HORSES,
MULES, VEHICLES of all kinds, HARNESS,
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C. C. BURTON, Auctioneer,
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CITY RAILWAY. OFFICE RICHMOND RAILWAY COMPANY. O THE PUBLIC.-Any citizen signal-

the driver will oblige the undersigned by taving No. of car and reporting the same.

R. L. WALKER.

no 19-3m Superintendent City Italiway.